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For: DEVICE, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND )  
PROGRAM FOR IMAGE DATA )  
HANDLING, AND DEVICE FOR )  
IMAGE PROCESSING )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application and is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006 (Paper No. 20061005). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: